(b) if so, how many power projects are at present pending consideration by the Central Government from different States; and

(c) by when a decision on these projects is likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) 86 Power Projects are pending for techno-economic clearance in the Central Electricity Authority. The requirements for techno-economic clearance of power projects by the Central Electricity Authority include comprehensiveness of project reports, response of project authorities to various comments/observations of the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission, availability of various essential inputs like fuel linkage, water availability and clearances from environment and forest angles, State Pollution Control Board and National Airports Authority etc, resolution of inter-State disputes, if any, in sharing of water resources and compliance with provisions of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, etc. These could be taken up for techno-economic clearance when these requirements are completed. It is not, therefore, possible to indicate any time frame for clearance of these schemes

Promotion for Long Serving Teachers

1214. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that even though four scales for college and university teachers have been provided since 1986, a big section of long serving teachers receive a raise in pay but no promotion; and

(b) whether in view of the well accepted policy of at least one promotion during one's service period, Selection Grade lecturer's post for such teachers would be treated as promotion' or just 'placement'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) The Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in universities/colleges, announced by the Government of India on 22nd July, 1988, inter alia, provides for adequate opportunities of career advancement to the teachers.

(b) The qualifications required for promotion as Reader are different from qualifications required for placement as Lecturer in the Selection Grade.

Installation of Improved Chullahs

1215 SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of improved chullahs installed in the country since the national programme on improved chullahs was launched;

(b) whether Government have maintained the tempo of implementation of this national programme;

(c) if so, the achievement made in the Seventh Plan in this regard; and

(d) what are the States taking more interest on installation of improved chullahs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI B ABAN RAO DHAKANE): (a) Improved Chullha Programme was launched in December, 1983 and since then about 90 lakh chulhas have been installed all over the country upto the end of November, 1990

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) During the Seventh Plane period, 75.77 lakhs chulhas were installed against a target of 61.50 lakhs chulhas

(d) By and large all the States have been showing keen interest in this programme